NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION

AGENCY:

Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION: DMR Regulation 95.03 X, Closed Area No. 18-H, Harpswell Sound, Harpswell, promulgated on April 16, 1999, is repealed and replaced with the following rule:

TEXT OF RULE: DMR Regulation 95.03 X, Closed Area No. 18-H, Harpswell Sound, Harpswell,

Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters in the following areas of Harpswell Sound:

- 1.) Inside and west of a line beginning at the southeastern end of High Head and running northerly, (approximately 800 yards) along the shore at the low water mark to a red painted post located on the point of land north of the High Head Yacht Club dock; AND
- Inside and west of a line beginning at the southernmost point of land on the peninsula between Widgeon Cove and Mill Cove and running northerly (approximately 200 yards), along the shore at the low water mark, to a red painted post; AND
- East of a line beginning at the southwestern end of the bridge that crosses from Orrs Island to Sebascodegan Island and running northerly to a red painted post on the eastern shore of Lombos Hole, approximately 200 yards northwest of said bridge; AND westerly of the Orrs Island bridge.
- Inside and west of a line beginning at the west end of the Ewin Narrows Bridge, Harpswell, and running easterly to the eastern end of said bridge, then running northwesterly across the Narrows to an unnamed point on the west side (approximately 1600 yards north of said bridge).
- Inside and north of a line across Strawberry Creek at the Mountain Road.

Violation of any provision of this regulation shall be a Class D Crime (12 M.R.S.A. Section 6204).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 13, 2003

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STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources repeals the emergency DMR Regulation 95.03 X, Closed Area No. 18-H Harpswell Sound, Harpswell, promulgated on April 16, 1999, and replaces it with a new regulation. This new regulation closes Strawberry Creek.

The closed portions are so designated because of overboard discharges and non-point pollution, which poses a threat to public health.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Maine Department of Marine Resources

Legal Notice of Shellfish Closure Area

C18H Harpswell Sound, Harpswell

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